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TAGS:OVIP UR (DORSEY, EDWARD V.)

SUBJECT:US POSTAL DELEGATION

REF: STOCK--MOTINE LTR (7MAR75)

MOSCOW FOR ENGLE, NILES; LENINGRAD FOR MATTHEWS.

1. DEPT OFFS BRIEFED MEMBERS OF POSTAL DELEGATION CHAIRED BY SENIOR ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL EDWARD V. DORSEY, AND IS PASSING TO EMBASSY AND CONGEN PERTINENT POINTS AND REQUEST FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

2. TOTAL DELEGATION IS 3 MEN: DORSEY: EDGAR STOCK (DIR., INT'L POSTAL AFFAIRS); AND GORDON MORRISON (DIR., PHILATELIC UNIT). DELEGATION PLANS ARRIVAL MOSCOW APR 7. VISIT SCHEDULE UNCERTAIN, BUT GROUP FEELS IT WILL INCLUDE LENINGRAD. GROUP PLANS DEPART USSR APR 14, BUT HAS SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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MARGIN TO EXTEND. DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF

USSR MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. BASIC AIMS:  
DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING JOINT COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR  
APOLLO-SOYUZ, AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH SOVIET POSTAL  
OPERATIONS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MECHANIZATION.

3. DURING BRIEFING SESSION, POSTAL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED

INTEREST IN RAISING FOLLOWING POINTS WITH SOVIETS:

(ALL IN CONTEXT OF EXPANDED US-SOVIET CONTACTS)

A/ FACILITATING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND US  
CITIZENS THROUGH VARIOUS CLASSES OF MAIL SERVICE;;  
B/ SPECIAL POSTAL PROBLEMS OF US BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
IN USSR;  
C/ FACILITATING TRANSMISSION OF SCHOLARS' MANUSCRIPTS  
AND GENERAL SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH MAILS;  
D/ PROBLEMS OF NON-RECEIPT OF REGISTERED MAIL SENT BY  
US CITIZENS TO SOVIETS;  
E/ THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL OPERATIONS SETUP OF THE SOVIET  
MINISTRY OF POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS;  
F/ RURAL MAIL SERVICE  
G/ EFFICIENCY-PRODUCTIVITY QUESTIONS  
H/ PERSONNEL AND QUALITY CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS.

4. MR. DORSEY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ASK EMBASSY TO ASSIST  
WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOSCOW RESTAURANT DINNER IN HONOR  
OF SOVIET HOSTS, IF SCHEDULE PERMITS. DELEGATION WOULD  
LIKE TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND CONGEN, AND  
WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS TO RAISE WITH  
SOVIET HOSTS IN ADDITION TO THE ONES OUTLINED ABOVE.

5. FYI: POSTAL DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF HIGHLY MOTIVATED  
PROFESSIONALS. POSTAL SERVICE HAS HOSTED SIMILAR SOVIET  
DELEGATION ON TOUR OF US AND MAINTAINS CONTINUING RELATIONS  
WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS IN INT'L POSTAL UNION AND THRU  
BILATERAL CONTACTS ON BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL  
INTEREST. ABOVE TOPICS WILL BE PURSUED WITH SOVIETS ON  
TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL GROUNDS, AND ONLY TO  
EXTENT THAT SOVIETS WILLING TO DISCUSS THEM. END FYI. KISSINGER  
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